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SPRINGFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS FOR MORTGAGE FRAUD

DAYTON – Dumond Henderson, age 37, of Springfield, was sentenced in United States District Court here to 24 months imprisonment for defrauding a lender out of more than \$130,000 and keeping the money rather than paying the seller for the house he claimed he was buying.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Kurt Douglass, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service announced the sentence which was handed down yesterday by United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

Henderson admitted that in August, 2006 he submitted a fraudulent application for a loan to buy a house in Springfield, using personal identification information of co-conspirator Keith Channels. Henderson created a fake title agency, giving it the name of a catering company he once owned. In September, 2006, Henderson recruited another individual to pose as a title agent from the fictitious title agency and travel to the seller's place of business where he convinced the seller to go through with the closing on the property even though he "forgot" to bring a certified check for the purchase money. Henderson promised to pay the seller the next business day and moved into the house three days after the closing.

On October 31, 2006, the lender approved the fraudulent mortgage loan and, at Henderson's direction, wired the funds directly to a bank account he had created in the name of his fake title agency. Henderson never paid the seller for the house. He and Channels spent the proceeds for their own personal use. The owner of the house had Henderson evicted in November, 2006 because the owner had never received payment.

Henderson pleaded guilty in May, 2007 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Channels pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in January, 2008 and was sentenced to three years probation.

Lockhart commended the investigation by Secret Service agents and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens who prosecuted the case.

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